

VIRGINIA CASTLE TO BE RYAN'S HOME

Will Erect Magnificent
Structure at Bellevue,
in Nelson

HOME OF LATE SENATOR RIVES

Great Financier Now in Europe,
Accompanied by Architects,
Inspecting Famous Castles—Will Spend Rest
of Life in Native
County.

Information has been received here from a thoroughly reliable source to the effect that Mr. Thomas F. Ryan, who has recently determined to quit Wall Street and make his permanent residence in Nelson county, purposes shortly to build a magnificent castle on the Bellevue Farm, which he has purchased from the heirs of the late John L. Sneed.

Indeed, it is known that the great financier and railroad insurance magnate is now in Europe for the purpose of looking over famous castles in Scotland and other countries, and that he took with him several of the most accomplished architects to be found in America.

These architects will inspect Eastern castles, along with Mr. Ryan, and it is said that the one he will build in Nelson county, as well as by people in New York and elsewhere, and his latest movements would seem clearly to indicate that he intends to spend the remainder of his days near the spot where he was born, and to devote his time largely to the improvement and improving the land of his nativity.

The Bellevue Farm, where the proposed Ryan castle will stand, is one of the most beautiful and picturesque country places in the famous Piedmont section of Virginia and is owned by Mr. Ryan's son, John L. Sneed, who is now in Europe. The Ryan family has long been prominent in the history of the county, and where he has his splendid stock farm, Bellevue was once the home of the late United States Senator William C. Rives, and when purchased about a year ago by Mr. Ryan, was owned by the children of the late Captain John L. Sneed. Among the heirs to the estate were Mrs. Bland Massie, of Nelson; Mrs. John F. Smith, of this city; and Mrs. William G. Loring, wife of the former judge of Nelson county, who is Mr. Ryan's manager, and who is shortly to be tried for the killing of young Theodore Bates.

Mr. Ryan has already spent many thousands of dollars in beautifying and improving the Oak Ridge Farm, but this is hardly a circumstance compared with the outlay he is proposing to make upon these two places and others he has recently purchased. Already Mr. Ryan has built a splendid macadam road from Oak Ridge to Lovington, a distance of four miles, and though this is a public highway, he bore every dollar of the expense and made it the most beautiful driveway between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the James River.

All the private roadways leading into and through the Oak Ridge Farm are macadamized, and the improvements have been installed in every department of the farm. Bellevue is now going through the same process of improvement and rejuvenation.

In addition to all this, Mr. Ryan has purchased a large tract of land between the Southern Railway and James River, which he is preparing to utilize as a great game preserve. A portion of it embraces many acres of mountain land, and this is to be converted into a deer park.

A large force of men are now at work building fences around this newly acquired property, and cutting off the timber and clearing up the mountain portions.

The section of the county in which the game preserve is to be located was never regarded as very prosperous, but the purchases made by Mr. Ryan and the opening up of the National Soapstone Quarries near-by has put upon a great boom, and in one particular case a farm is being held at ten times what it could have been bought for several years ago.

Considering the wonderful industrial developments which have taken place recently along the southeastern side of the county, together with Mr. Ryan's enterprising movements, Nelson promises to become one of the wealthiest counties in Old Dominion, for already the beautiful and prosperous Rockfish Valley to the north-west is looked upon as the garden spot of that section of Virginia.

**FERRY STRAIGHTS COLLIDE
BUT NO LIVES LOST**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—The ferry steamers Tiburon and James M. Donohue collided shortly after 8 o'clock to-night off Alcatraz. There were many passengers aboard. News has just been received that no passengers were hurt and that all got ashore. It is reported that the Donohue is sinking.

**TO SAVE NEGRO'S LIFE
TWO MEN ARE KILLED**

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 18.—Thomas Trever, superintendent of the H. and S. Pogue Company, and Alfred Trever, of the same company, were killed in an automobile accident to-night. The chauffeur was injured and may die. The accident resulted from trying to avoid running down a negro. The automobile dashed into a telephone pole.

WILL SPEND REMAINDER OF DAYS IN VIRGINIA



THOMAS F. RYAN,
New York financier, who will erect
castle in Virginia and make his per-
manent home in county where he was
born.

FAST TRAIN RUNS INTO OPEN SWITCH MANY INJURED

Big Four's Fast Train Wrecked
at Columbus While Going at
High Speed.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 18.—Big Four passenger train No. 19, one of the fastest trains on the New York Central lines, ran into an open switch to-day in the northern part of the city while running at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The engine and every coach were derailed, and the passengers were piled in heaps, a number of them being severely injured.

The severely injured:
Mrs. Elizabeth Lawry, Cleveland; J. G. Creagan, Cleveland; H. L. Reed, Mansfield; Mrs. Dr. Hyndman, New York; Joe Mahaffey, freeman.

Many of the passengers in the sleepers were only scratched and slightly bruised and were able to walk to a street car or other conveyance and come into the city. It is not believed that any of the injured, except the freeman, will die. The wrecked train is known as the Lake Shore Limited.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyndman, of New York, were on the way to attend the funeral of their son in Middletown, Ohio. Mrs. Hyndman's injuries are such that she could not proceed to-day.

The heroism of Engineer Smith in sticking to his engine is being commented upon by all the passengers. He applied the emergency brakes when he saw that the wreck was inevitable, sanded the track and stuck to his post until the huge engine toppled over on its side.

GIVEN DEATH SIGN HIS LIPS CLOSED

Member of Black Hand Unable
to Testify After Sign from
Accomplice.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Ignazio de Leonardo and Pietro Pampinella were to-day convicted of kidnapping and employing "Black Hand" methods of extortion. De Leonardo was first found guilty, and at once offered to turn State's evidence. At the moment he took the stand Pampinella placed his hands on his temples and brought them down slowly until they met on the floor. The rest on De Leonardo was startling. The witness turned deathly pale. Then he managed to say:

"I am sick. I cannot testify."
"Why?" demanded Judge O'Sullivan.
With an effort De Leonardo replied: "Pampinella has just given me the sign of death. It is the Black Hand. I will not testify."

The witness was removed from the room and given a chance to recover himself. Later he was returned to the stand, only to collapse when his eyes met those of his partner in crime. He positively refused to give evidence. Pampinella was, however, convicted, as De Leonardo had been, chiefly on the testimony of seven-year-old Salvatore Slatta, who was stolen from his home last winter and held a prisoner while "Black Hand" letters demanded from his mother a prosperous harbor, a ransom of \$10,000. The youth was eventually released, though the father denied that he had settled with the abductors.

KING'S BIBLE FOR BRUTON SENT TO MR. BRYCE

LONDON, June 18.—The Bible which the King is to present to Bruton Church, at Williamsburg, Va., on the occasion of his consecration on October 10th, was to-day sent to Ambassador Bryce, at Washington, who will forward it to the church officials.

TWO MEN COMMIT SUICIDE, THIRD MAKES PROBABLY SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AND YOUNG WOMAN SUCCEEDS

Miller Puts on Best Trousers Before
Blowing Head Off.

VIRGINIA, VA., June 18.—Mr. W. R. Blanks committed suicide at his home just across Aaron's Creek, in Mecklenburg county, about five miles northeast from this place at about 11 o'clock this morning. Mr. Blanks went to an upstairs room, put on his best trousers, pulled off his shoes and socks, lay down on a bed, placed a gun against his forehead, and must have fired it with his toes, with the result that the whole upper part of his head was literally blown to pieces.

Mr. Blanks was a man about forty years of age, and at one time was a successful miller. Recently he sold his mill on Aaron's Creek, formerly known as Willard's Mill, and bought one higher up the same creek, which was formerly known as Apple's Mill.

Mr. Blanks married a Miss Kate Bowie, who survives him, together with five children, two sons and three daughters.

**LOVER SHOTS GIRL BECAUSE SHE
REJECTED HIM; THEN KILLED
HIMSELF.**

POCOMOKE CITY, MD., June 18.—Miss Bessie Lamberton, daughter of John Lamberton, a well-known farmer of Worcester county, was shot last night by Lodie Davis, a rejected suitor, and is in a precarious condition. Davis afterwards committed suicide, his body being found to-day near the place where he attacked Miss Lamberton. The shooting occurred while the couple were out driving, a short distance from the young lady's home. According to Miss Lamberton's story, Davis asked her to marry him, and on her refusal he shot her. He then demanded: "Will you marry me now?" and on her reply, "I'll die first," he fired again. One ball entered her head and the other penetrated her left lung. She fell out of the buggy, breaking her collarbone by the fall.

**DANVILLE MAN DRINKS POISON IN
PRESENCE OF WIFE—NOT EX-
PECTED TO LIVE.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DANVILLE, VA., June 18.—George D. Hensley, a merchant at Schoolfield, a suburb of Danville, made a desperate attempt to commit suicide at his home to-day by drinking laudanum. Hensley has been on a drunken spree for the past several days, and drank the poison while his wife and children were looking on. He threatened during the early part of the day to commit suicide, but his relatives thought that he was only joking. Mrs. Hensley wrested the bottle from the hands of her husband too late. The victim is in a critical condition to-night, but may get well. He is about fifty years of age, and last Friday was fined for drunkenness and was put under a bond for his future good behavior. Since that time he has been brooding over his arraignment in court.

**YOUNG LADY TAKES CORROSIVE
SUBSTITUTE AND ENDS LIFE.
HAD BEEN DESPONDENT.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FALLS CHURCH, VA., June 18.—While in a despondent mood Miss Mamie Hawxhurst, twenty-seven years of age, Fairfax county, took a dose of corrosive sublimate Sunday last and died from the effects of the drug yesterday. It is supposed the drug was taken with suicidal intent. The coroner, after learning the facts, deemed an inquest unnecessary. No cause can be assigned for her rash act. Prior to taking the drug she wrote several letters to her intimate friends, but the contents of the letters were not revealed. Miss Hawxhurst was well and favorably known throughout Fairfax county, and the announcement of her sudden demise was a surprise to her friends. For some time past the deceased was connected with the post-office at Fairfax Courthouse. Subsequently she resided at Falls Church. Recently she returned to Fairfax county, where she had since resided with relatives. It is reported that the deceased left a will, in which she bequeathed her savings and personal property to near relatives.

CONTRACTORS ASK TO BE RELEASED

Successful Bidders for Sur-
veying Complain of
Treatment Received.

SAYS COL. CUTSHAW REFLECTS ON THEM

City Engineer, They Contend,
Has Charged Them in Advance
With Incompetency and
Treated Them as "Jack-
legs" in His Comments.
Session of Board.

Though a number of important matters were considered by the Board of Aldermen in session last night, the session of the evening came with the production of a letter from T. Crawford Redd & Brother, sharply criticizing the City Engineer, and asking to be relieved of the contract for surveying and platting the newly annexed territory.

The matter came up on the question of the concurrence of the Board in the action of the lower branch in awarding this contract to Redd & Brother.

President Turpin drew from his pocket a communication from the successful bidders for the surveying contract, Messrs. Redd & Brother, and presented it to the Aldermen.

Interest was great as the sergeant-at-arms began the reading of the paper, and it was intensified as it became known that the firm asked permission to withdraw the bid, or, that failing, appealed to members to vote against the award. In a review of the entire circumstances and events leading up to the present status, the firm complain of the reflections cast upon their ability by the City Engineer and of the exacting conditions he sought to place upon their acceptance of the contract. Members of the Board characterized the letter as a manly one, but further than this declined to discuss the matter in any way. It will, however, precipitate an interesting action in municipal affairs, and further developments are being awaited with interest.

Letter From Firm.
The following is the full text of the letter of Messrs. Redd & Brother, as read to the Board by the sergeant-at-arms:

Richmond, Va., June 18, 1907.
To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Richmond:
Gentlemen.—In view of certain unexpected developments in connection with the proposed survey of the annexed territory, we feel constrained in justice to ourselves to make this personal statement.

Some months ago, during the winter, Colonel Cutshaw sent for us to come to see him in reference to the survey of the annexed territory, and stated that he would want our services in connection with the same, as we were well acquainted with the territory and had information in the form of maps, plans, etc., which would very much facilitate the work. We agreed to render any service asked by him, and to furnish any information that we might have, our compensation to be fixed by arbitration in case the City Engineer and our company could not agree as to an amount.

The next we heard of the matter was when we were called upon by the Committee on Appropriation of Expenditures in the Annexed Territory and asked to submit a bid for making a complete survey of the same. We have never made any effort to secure this work, and have never asked any member of the Council or Board to vote for us. We made our bid in good faith, and were fully prepared to do the work to the satisfaction of any reasonable man—he be official or citizen. All we wanted was fair treatment, and we expected to stand upon the same footing as any other contractor or firm, but just as soon as it became known that our bid would be favorably reported by the committee, a most remarkable thing took place.

Recent Action of Engineer.
The City Engineer, who prepared the specifications under which the work was to be done, appeared in print in the public press and put us down as "jacklegs," and undertook to show that we were absolutely unfit to do the work that we had proposed to do, thus com-

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OFFICERS OF THE VIRGINIA BANKERS' ASSOCIATION AND TWO SPEAKERS



VIRGINIA RAILWAY MAY GOBBLE UP C. & O.

Mr. Wickham, General Counsel,
Makes Statement in Court
Which Causes Surprise.

HAS POWERFUL BACKING

Tidewater and Deepwater Said to
be Supported by Most Influ-
ential Interests.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—The possibility that the Virginia Railroad, better known as the Tidewater and Deepwater, may eventually swallow the Chesapeake and Ohio, is evidently recognized in high quarters. Hon. Henry T. Wickham, general counsel for the Chesapeake and Ohio, at the conclusion of his argument in a case before the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day used substantially this language:

"I want to say that as general counsel of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, I have made the best fight I know how in resisting the contentions of the Virginia Railroad, and yet I do not know how soon it shall be brought back upon my head, for I do not know how soon the Virginia Railroad may control the Chesapeake and Ohio."

"In other words," suggested Chairman Knapp, of the Commerce Commission, "you mean that you may wake up some time morning and not know to whom you belong?"

"That is exactly what I mean," responded Mr. Wickham. His statement was unexpected and almost dramatic.

Has Powerful Backing.
Mr. Wickham represented the Chesapeake and Ohio in the supplemental hearing of the case of the Loop Creek Colliery Company, against his road, in which the colliery company, which is really the Virginia Railroad, seeks to compel the Chesapeake and Ohio to make through routes and joint rates on the same basis that it makes such routes and rates on other branch lines. In the course of his argument, Mr. Wickham said:

"It made him smile when the attorney for the Virginia Railroad compared his line to a little grain road out in Indiana, or the little Virginia Anthracite Road down in Montgomery county, Virginia. He said that he had seventy-eight million dollars appropriated for its building, and that it was backed by the most powerful interests in the world."

"I do not know what this power is I am up against, but it is no small county railroad," he exclaimed.

As stated, the hearing was supplemental to the one held a few weeks ago. At its conclusion the commission announced that it would take the whole question under advisement.

An effort was made last night to see President Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, and to ascertain whether he could throw any light on the possibility of such a result as Mr. Wickham referred to, but he was not reached.



EXPOSITION WILL SEEK BIG LOAN

Board of Governors Authorize
Second Bond Issue of \$700,-
000 to Complete Show.

BARR IN FULL CONTROL

Resignation of Governor Cottrell
Accepted and Barr is Made
Director-General.

NORFOLK, VA., June 18.—The resignation of Governor W. E. Cottrell, the making of James M. Barr, director-general, with full powers, and the endorsement of a second bond issue for \$700,000 to cover all the liabilities of the Jamestown Exposition Company, was the result of the meeting to-night of the directors of the company held at the Service Building on the exposition grounds.

The resignation of Mr. Cottrell was accepted, and his position will be filled by Mr. Barr.

The resolutions passed practically make Mr. Barr director-general of the exposition company, and he will immediately take charge, and bend every energy to complete the show within the next three weeks.

The second bond issue was authorized to cover outstanding obligations to the amount of \$700,000. They are to be covered by a second mortgage on the property of the company, and will bear six per cent. interest. They run twenty years from 1907. It is also agreed that the bonds will be offered to creditors willing to accept them. Refusing, it is believed, they can be placed elsewhere.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Supreme Lodge Elects Officers—To Meet
Next at Niagara.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 18.—The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Honor of the United States, to-day decided to meet next year at Niagara Falls.

These officers were elected: Supreme dictator, L. E. Bentley, New Orleans; vice-dictator, E. C. Wood, New York; assistant dictator, S. R. Johnston, Altoona, Pa.; grand reporter, A. M. Given, St. Louis; supreme chaplain, J. H. Hancock, Louisville, Ky.; supreme guardian, Charles Howie, Evansville, Ind.; supreme sentinel, R. S. Fletcher, Jackson, Tenn.; supreme trustees, L. S. Leebetter, Cedarburg, Ga.; G. E. Tooke, Princeton, N. J.; D. D. Carpenter, New York; R. L. past supreme dictator, J. C. Sheppard, Edgefield, S. C.

MR. PEARSON NOW GREECE'S MINISTER

Well-Known Southern Man
Given New Assignment.

Other Appointments.

OYSTER BAY, June 18.—The President to-day announced the following appointments:

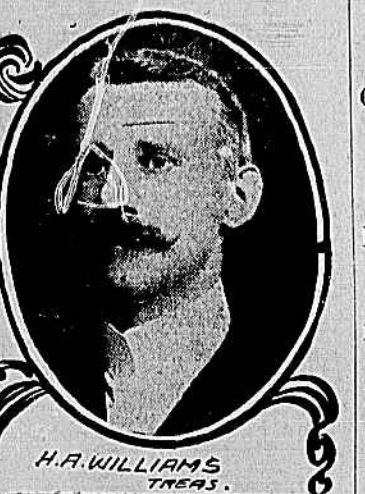
Envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary—Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, to Greece and Montenegro; S. Percival Dodge, of Massachusetts, to Honduras and Salvador, and John B. Jackson, of New Jersey, to Persia.

Secretary of legation at Guatemala—William F. Sands, of the District of Columbia.

Second secretary of embassy at St. Petersburg—Russia—Irwin B. Laughlin, of Pennsylvania.

Interpreter to United States consulate at Nagasaki, Japan—Carleton Miller, of Iowa.

Postmasters—Sidney J. Petrow, Russellville, Ala.; James H. Wright, Hartford, Ark.; J. A. Holdeman, Covington, Tenn.; E. A. Potts, Caldwell, Texas; G. H. Goldbeck, Uvalde, Texas; C. H. Whitney, Cookeville, Tenn.; William M. Wakeford, Adel, Ga.



CITY'S GUARDIANS BACK FROM CAMP

The Blues' Battalion and Seven-
tieth Regiment Reached City
Last Night.

MEN WERE FALSELY ACCUSED

Major Bossieux Denounces the
Arrest of Soldiers by Civil
Officers.

Local militia commands are again in the city after having spent ten days in the encampment at the Jamestown Exposition. The Richmond Light Infantry Blues' Battalion arrived on a special train about 8:15 P. M. yesterday from Camp John Smith. The battalion, commanded by Major Bowles, and consisting of 160 men, formed column at the Byrd Street Station and, preceded by their fine band, marched up the street to Main and thence to their temporary armory at No. 1208 East Main. There the battalion was dismissed, the equipment was stored away, and the exposition camp was a thing of the past. The men were all glad to get back to their home and to their civic vocations again, but all were in good health and spirits.

Unsuccessful Trip.
The Richmond battalion of the Seventieth Regiment, commanded by Major C. G. Bossieux, reached this city last night shortly before 10:00 o'clock, having made a slow and uneventful trip from Camp John Smith.

A large crowd of citizens were on hand at the Union Depot to meet the battalion, and cheer the officers and men as they detrained, and, forming in companies, marched to the music of their drum corps to the armory.

The battalion returned stronger in point of numbers than when it left, for a number of men left behind joined the command in camp. Every man is in good health, and no complaints were heard.

Major Bossieux is indignant regarding the arrest at Pine Beach of three members of Company C of the Seventieth Regiment. He stated last night that the men were innocent, and that the charges on which they were arrested were trumped up. Company C is not in Major Bossieux's battalion, but is under command of Major J. E. King, of Alexandria.

At 1 o'clock last night the combined troops of the Seventieth and Seventy-second Regiments, stationed at Charlottesville, Culpeper, Warrenton, Staunton, Harrisonburg, Luray and Alexandria, left Richmond on a special train. Colonel Leady and several officers.

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RYAN'S RETIREMENT HELPS JUDGE NICOL

Gordon's Friends Claim
It'll also Help
Him.

PROBLEM HARD OF SOLUTION YET

But To-Day Will Decide It, and
Full Vote of District Will be
Cast With But Three
Men in Field—Much
Interest is Be-
ing Felt.

[By Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—Only three candidates will be voted for in the primary election to-morrow for the choice of a Democratic candidate for Congress from the Eighth Virginia District. John F. Ryan withdrew from the contest to-day, although he announced positively last night that he had not withdrawn, and declared he should stay in the race until the end. He changed his mind to-day. The following statement from Mr. Ryan was received at The Times-Dispatch bureau in this city late this afternoon:

LEESBURG, VA., June 18.—Notwithstanding my denial last night of the rumor that I had withdrawn as a candidate for Congress from the Eighth District, I find on investigation that my vote in the district has been demoralized by reason of such reports, which have been in circulation for some time, and as many country people do not get the daily papers, are not within reach of phone communication, and probably would not hear of my denial, I deem it best to now withdraw from the contest and leave my friends free to vote for any other candidate. In taking this action, I am not influenced by distrust of the voters of Loudoun county, whose loyal support I have with but very few exceptions. I desire in this connection to extend my sincere thanks to my friends of the district for their loyal support.

All Claim Benefit.
The friends of Judge Nicol have claimed from the beginning that were Mr. Ryan to withdraw the election of the first candidate would be assured. To-night some of the friends of R. Lindsay Gordon in this city, are claiming that the withdrawal of Mr. Ryan will result in the election of the Louisiana county man. The friendship of Mr. Ryan for Mr. Gordon is said to be stronger than his friendship for Mr. Nicol, or Mr. Carlin. It is hard to estimate the exact strength of Mr. Ryan. While Judge Nicol and Mr. Gordon have consistently trained with what may be termed the anti-organization faction, the friends of Mr. Carlin have always been an organization man. Mr. Ryan has kept remarkably aloof from either faction. This makes it difficult to say just what faction would have contributed most to his support. It is safe to say, however, that the organization men of the district had from first to last been for the organization candidate—Mr. Carlin.

Therefore, the strength which Mr. Ryan would have polled, less the organization men who were supporting him from county pride, will most likely go to Judge Nicol or Mr. Gordon. In short, the chances of Mr. Carlin are injured by the withdrawal of Mr. Ryan. This is admitted by the Carlin men. If Mr. Carlin should be nominated in spite of the withdrawal of Mr. Ryan, nothing will be established except that the organization men of the three candidates. He would have had a larger majority or further lead over the next highest candidate had Mr. Ryan remained in the field.

Looks Like Nicol.
As matters now stand, with but two candidates to divide the anti-organization vote, the chances of the organization candidate are not specially bright. The bulk of the vote comes from the upper end of the district. Judge Nicol is from the upper end.

Local pride always counts in campaigns of this character. Mr. Gordon is from Old Louisa, in the southern or lower part of the district. Should he win, it would be against pretty heavy odds, all of which may indicate that Judge Nicol has rather the best chance of success among the Carlin men. It don't be surprised at the news from the Eighth to-morrow night.

CARLIN CAMP GETS EXCITED

Mr. Ryan's Withdrawal On Eve
of Battle, Admit Some of Car-
lin's Supporters, Aids Nicol.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 18.—Announcement of the withdrawal of John F. Ryan from the congressional fight on the eve of battle, caused a ripple of excitement among the Carlin men here this afternoon, and was not by any means received with favor. It is admitted by some of Carlin's most ardent supporters that the withdrawal will give strength to Nicol in Loudoun, notwithstanding the fact that it is reported here that Ryan withdrew in favor of R. Lindsay Gordon.

Immediately following the receipt of a telegram announcing the withdrawal of Ryan, Carlin left for Leesburg with a view of strengthening himself in Loudoun. At Carlin's headquarters this afternoon it was announced that he would receive 4,000 votes in to-morrow's contest. It was also stated that Ryan's withdrawal will prove a big boon for Nicol. Nicol supporters here were jubilant upon receiving news of Ryan's withdrawal. Carlin stated to-day that the 1,500 votes which Ryan would receive are now unpledged, and he would reverse one-half of them. From an unbiased viewing of the situation given out to-night by those who are well